



Summary and Key Recommendations

In-person UN-Energy Meeting at Technical Level

10 May 2023 – 10:00 to 16:45 EDT (NY Time), United Nations Headquarters, New York

SDG7 plays a critical role in the advancement of the entire 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of net-zero emissions by 2050 to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement on climate change, and thereby for the present and future prosperity of people and planet.

In 2021, the High-level Dialogue on Energy resulted in the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG7 Action which provides a guide for collective action, including two sets of milestones for 2025 and 2030. UN-Energy responded to this with the UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025, specifying its support to the implementation of the Global Roadmap. Moreover, UN-Energy also supports the mobilization of voluntary commitments through the Energy Compacts which since the Dialogue have already raised more than US\$600 billion. Looking forward, the midterm review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2023, the SDG Summit 2023, and the global stocktaking on SDG7 in 2024 will provide further opportunities for global dialogue in support of action.

UN-Energy can contribute significantly towards global efforts to accelerate the implementation of SDG7. It can make a difference by exerting its convening power to mobilize multistakeholder action, and drawing on the capacity, expertise and reach of its membership to trigger joint activities, including projects on the ground, the provision of analytical and policy support, and awareness-raising and advocacy.

The first in-person meeting of UN-Energy at technical level since 2018, including representation from 24 member and partner organizations, provided a unique opportunity in terms of shaping the future of UN-Energy and tapping more fully its potential to make a difference in global efforts

towards SDG7. The discussions generated several recommendations towards further strengthening collective action through UN-Energy.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

UNIVERSAL ENERGY ACCESS

Recommendation 1:

Accelerate Universal Access Through the Joint Initiative “Powering Progress”

Welcomes the new joint initiative Powering Progress as proposed by UNDP as a platform to mobilize UN-Energy’s collective expertise to accelerate progress towards universal access in line with the milestones of the global roadmap, leveraging the existing leadership, on-going work and coordination arrangements on the ground.

Resolves to immediately provide a proof of concept of the proposed approach by working with one or two countries, with a view to expanding joint action towards 50 access-deficit countries across the world, as proposed. The SDG Summit in September 2023 should provide an ideal platform to launch ambitious actions under this new joint initiative.

Recommendation 2:

Mobilise Political Commitments Towards Realising a Just and Inclusive Clean Cooking Transition for All Across the World

Welcomes “Achieving Universal Access by 2030 and Net-Zero Emissions by 2050: A Global Roadmap for the Just and Inclusive Clean Cooking Transition” as presented by WHO in collaboration with the World Bank and UN DESA, as a conceptual framework in support of a universal approach applicable to both developed and developing countries across the world on the way forward, and further welcomes a policy brief on the proposed approach to be released in time for the High-level Political Forum.

Endeavours to further strengthen data collection, quantification of costs and benefits and modelling of trajectories in support of the proposed global roadmap (e.g., all cooking fuels & technologies used, trajectories of current trends, etc), and to mobilise political commitments at the highest level possible towards global clean cooking transition, using the proposed global roadmap as a potent tool for advocacy with a view to nurturing such a political coalition in time for the SDG Summit and beyond.

ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Recommendation 3:

Develop a Global Framework for Just, Inclusive, and Equitable Energy Transitions

Appreciates the reflections on principles, concepts and practices of just, equitable and inclusive energy transition provided by UN DESA as a promising starting point for the development of a global framework for just, inclusive and equitable energy transitions.

Undertakes to fully develop such a framework as a means to substantiate the concept and welcomes a policy brief on the proposed framework under development to be released in time for the High-level Political Forum to help facilitate global dialogues, including relevant processes related to the SDGs and the Paris Agreement such as on mitigation and just transition work programmes, in support of a reaching a shared understanding of the way forward.

Recommendation 4:

Present Coherent Perspectives through Targeted Policy Analysis

Resolves to further enable UN-Energy to present coherent perspectives on key issues of relevance to help speak with one voice, including by conducting targeted analysis leading to concrete policy recommendations on pertinent energy issues.

Encourages to strengthen policy analysis on universal energy access and just, inclusive and equitable energy transitions, and in this regard welcomes the draft policy briefs on aligning critical raw materials (CRM) development with sustainable development, as presented by UNECE in collaboration with other Regional Commissions, and on advancing power system connectivity in support of SDG7, as presented by UNESCAP in collaboration with other Regional Commissions. These analyses will be published in time for the High-level Political Forum 2023.

GLOBAL DIALOGUE

Recommendation 5:

Convene the Global SDG7 Action Forum in the Margins of the Annual UN General Assembly High-level Week

Agrees on the need to strengthen outreach and communications, including in support of partnership-building across sectors, with the engagement of all stakeholder groups, building on the success of the first SDG7 Action Forum held on 23 September 2022 in the margins of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly High-level Week.

Undertakes to convene the SDG7 Action Forum 2023, using it as a platform to connect all stakeholder groups, including decision makers and practitioners; to showcase success stories and best practices; and to strengthen multistakeholder dialogue in support of SDG7 action. The Forum should also be used as an opportunity to increase transparency and accountability, including through the launch of a report on UN-Energy activities.

Recommendation 6:

Expand Theme-based Multistakeholder Expert Engagements

Decides to strengthen and expand engagements with multi-stakeholders as to facilitate targeted technical exchanges and dialogues by all stakeholders in support of policy, implementation and dialogue.

Undertakes to consolidate its interactions with the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) with a view to establishing theme-based task forces at the expert level which could address, in particular, the themes of universal energy access; just, inclusive, and equitable energy transitions; and partnerships and accountability.

Recommendation 7:

Strengthen Technical Support for Intergovernmental Processes on Energy

Welcomes more regular intergovernmental exchanges on energy at the technical level at the UN with a view to strengthening global cooperation, building on UN-Energy's successful engagement in support of the High-level Dialogue on Energy in 2021.

Endeavours to strengthen its technical support for future intergovernmental dialogues on energy, including the midterm review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2023, the SDG Summit 2023, and the global stocktaking of SDG7 implementation in 2024.

PARTNERSHIPS

Recommendation 8:

Launch the Energy Compacts 2.0 to Catalyse Multi-stakeholder Partnerships

Acknowledges the success of the Energy Compacts in raising voluntary commitments of more than \$600 billions since the High-level Dialogue on Energy, having proven their value as a global tool for partnership-building towards universal energy access and just, inclusive, and equitable energy transitions.

Resolves to launch the Energy Compacts 2.0, building on the overall conceptual direction as presented by SEforALL, aiming to scale up actions and raise financial commitments made from billions to trillions, by strengthening the Energy Compact Action Network, and notes that Energy Compacts 2.0 is also due to play a key role as one of the High Impact Initiatives for the SDG Summit 2023.

Recommendation 9:

Secure Joint Resources in Support of Collective UN-Energy Action

Emphasizes the need to secure joint resources in support of collective UN-Energy action, focused on facilitating the joint activities outlined above in support of universal energy access; just, equitable and inclusive energy transitions; global dialogues; policy analysis; advocacy and outreach; and partnerships, while fully recognising the need for avoiding duplications with on-going activities of individual UN-Energy organisations.

Undertakes to work towards the establishment of a global Joint UN-Energy Programme, supported by a UN-Energy multi-partner trust fund, noting the need for detailed long-term plans, strengthened secretariat support, and a results-framework based on quantitative data and including an assessment of requirements, and requests the secretariat to develop an initial concept note with next steps for discussion at technical level by mid-June.

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

UN-Energy is ready to step-up its role in facilitating inter-agency coordination and multi-stakeholder action. In fact, many of the recommendations presented here are already being acted upon through various on-going joint activities, the results of which will inform the HLPF 2023, the SDG Summit 2023, COP28 and the global stocktaking on SDG7 implementation in 2024. The recommendations will also be brought to the attention of UN-Energy Principals in due course for their further guidance and endorsement. Further implementing the recommendations presented would enable UN-Energy to have a greater impact on global efforts in support of SDG7, contributing thereby to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the objectives of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Annex 1:



UN-Energy Meeting at the technical level

10 May 2023, 10:00 – 16:45 EDT (NY Time)

UN Headquarters, New York, Conference Room 12

Draft Agenda

09:30 – 10:00

Coffee

All are invited to grab coffee at the Vienna Café, just in front of the conference room, before the meeting.

10:00 – 10:15

Opening

10:15 – 10:45

Future of UN-Energy

Presentation by the Secretariat followed by open discussion on where we want UN-Energy to be in 1 year, and on how best to continue contributing to global political processes related to energy, including SDG 7 review at the HLPF, SDG Summit, and UNFCCC COP28.

10:45 – 13:00

Accelerating Implementation of the UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025

Discussion on advancing deliverables including joint programmes, analysis and communications. Technical focal points for various tasks will present their suggestions on the way forward.

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:30

Next Steps

Presentation by the Secretariat followed by open discussion, including on:

- *Resource implications for advancing UN-Energy work*
- *Recommended decisions for consideration by Principals*
- *Action towards HLPF, SDG Summit and COP28*

16:30 – 16:45

Conclusion

16:45 – 18:00

Refreshments

Annex 2:**List of Participants**

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EOSG	Catalina Santamaria, Safiatou Alzouma
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